

Bachelor of Arts (BART) - BA

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Online: 909405; Toowoomba campus: 909441; Springfield campus: 929441

CRICOS code (International applicants): 009258A

	On-campus	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time or external	
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	

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Program aims

The Bachelor of Arts aims to produce graduates who are critical and creative thinkers with the transferable skills to respond to the demands of a rapidly changing labour market, who will contribute to the long-term improvement of societies and economies, both local and global, and who can reconcile deep disciplinary knowledge in the Humanities and Social Sciences with broader forms of knowledge based on the sense of justice and civilization that is essential to effective citizenship within a democratic society.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the program, students should be able to:

- productively transfer discipline-based competencies in the Humanities and Social Sciences to further learning and professional contexts
- ~~critically respond to multiple perspectives based on the program~~ •

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

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<p>1 x 8–unit major from the Bachelor of Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anthropology ● Archaeology ● Contemporary Media Studies ● Creative and Critical Writing ● English Literature ● History ● Indigenous Studies ● International Relations ● Journalism Studies ● Languages (cross-institutional study)* ● Legal Studies ● Public Relations Studies ● Social Justice Studies <p>* Students undertaking a Languages major cross-institutionally can complete up to 16 units in a language double major (4, 8, 12 or 16 units cross-institutionally).</p>	8 units
<p>Plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second major (8 units), or ● Approved USQ 8-unit major. 	8 units
<p>Plus one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 x 4-unit minor, or ● 4 units of elective courses. 	4 units
<p>Total:</p>	24 units
<p>OPTION 3 (8–unit majors from other programs):</p>	A minimum of three Level 3 courses must be taken within Option 3.
<p>Core</p>	4 units (see below for a list of core courses)
<p>1 x 8–unit major from the Bachelor of Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anthropology ● Archaeology ● Contemporary Media Studies ● Creative and Critical Writing ● English Literature ● History ● Indigenous Studies ● International Relations ● Journalism Studies ● Languages (cross-institutional study)* ● Legal Studies ● Public Relations Studies ● Social Justice Studies <p>* Students undertaking a Languages Major cross-institutionally can complete up to 16 units in a language double major (4, 8, 12 or 16 units cross-institutionally).</p>	8 units
<p>Plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 x 4-unit minors, or ● 2 x 4-unit minors and 4 units of elective courses 	12 units

Total	24 units
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Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

Core courses

All students must take the following core courses:

- [CMS1000 Communication and Scholarship](#)
- [ISE1000 Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia](#)
- [HMT1000 A History of Ideas](#)
- [HMT2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights](#) (students cannot study both [HMT2000](#) and [CDS2000 Ethical Issues and Human Rights in the Human Services](#) within the one degree).

Public Relations Studies
Social Justice Studies

Footnotes

- * Students undertaking a Languages major cross-institutionally can complete up to 16 units in a language double major (4, 8, 12 or 16 units cross-institutionally).

Indigenous communities in Australia. Indigenous staff will enable students of this major to develop the ability to work with and within Indigenous communities in culturally appropriate and effective ways.

International Relations

This major is designed to strengthen students' understanding of Australian domestic and external affairs. A range of theoretical perspectives is examined, including institutional structures, policy frameworks, political systems and ideologies, economies and security regimes in various regions. Students will also study the complexities of cross-cultural interaction and issues which will be developed analytically through issue-based, problem-solving approaches.

Journalism Studies

The Journalism Studies major is designed for students who wish to become journalism scholars, researchers, and media commentators and specialists. Students will learn about the history and development of the free press and theories and principles that govern the practices of news institutions in the modern world. Bachelor of Arts students who wish to become practising journalists in industry should instead take the 12-unit Journalism (Extended) major.

Languages (Cross-Institutional Study)

Students wishing to undertake a Languages major can choose a major through cross-institutional study. This provides students with a broad range of language options through other institutions. Students intending to study a language must contact usq.support@usq.edu.au for further details and assistance with their cross-institutional enrolment.

Students may undertake one of the following language major options cross-institutionally:

- 4-unit language minor
- 8-unit language major
- 12-unit extended major
- 16-unit double major

Legal Studies

The Legal Studies major gives students the chance to learn how to analyse case studies, debate key legal concepts, be introduced to legal research, and study possible methods of resolving conflicts, including litigation. Students will examine Australian foreign policy and Australia's historic and contemporary relations on a global basis.

Public Relations Studies

With this major students will gain the skills and knowledge to review communication policies within an organisation and develop and implement communication programs and strategies. Students of the Public Relations Studies major will also develop skills required in the industry, such as creating public awareness campaigns and improving organisation, public and media relations. Students learn to identify communication problems of organisations through appropriate research and strategic planning.

Social Justice Studies

The Social Justice Studies major is a field of study intended for those who want to work with people - in the public sector, non-governmental organisations, and more - to deliver community welfare and social justice. This requires a blend of critical appraisal and consultative skills in tasks including community consultation and policy analysis, skills which are useful in a changing labour market and which help students to make more sense of their lives. Students study social justice issues in local, national, and international arenas to become more informed citizens and community leaders.

Bachelor of Arts discipline extended majors

An extended major is a specified group of courses that cover deeper specialisation within a recognised field of study or cross-disciplinary studies offering coherent connections, with a value of twelve units. Extended majors consist of courses over three levels and normally will contain at least three Level 3 courses (usually

indicated by a 3000 code). The following extended majors are available (refer to recommended enrolment patterns for lists of specific courses):

Extended majors available (12 units)
Anthropology & Archaeology (Extended)
Contemporary International Studies (Extended)
English Literature (Extended)
History (Extended)
Journalism (Extended)

Anthropology & Archaeology (Extended)

Students undertaking an Anthropology & Archaeology (Extended) major gain a thorough understanding of the close connections between the study of the material traces of past peoples and our knowledge of people and cultures in the present.

Contemporary International Studies (Extended)

The Contemporary International Studies (Extended) major draws from a range of subjects including history, international relations, languages, cultural studies and politics, giving you a broad perspective on current issues in the world and how these impact on Australia and its international relations. This degree will give you an edge in this competitive industry and is particularly useful when studied in conjunction with studies in business or law. As part of this degree, you will be encouraged to consider spending a semester studying abroad.

English Literature (Extended)

Students of the English Literature (Extended) major study dynamic interactions between literary forms and film in the modern evolution of the discipline of English Literature. They will develop an informed appreciation of both canonical and contemporary literatures in English, while also understanding the rise of cinema as it has become one of the most important art forms in the modern world. Studies in this field equip students to become responsive and responsible readers with the capability to express critical insight as to how the text operates.

History (Extended)

The History (Extended) major provides additional studies that equip students for careers as historians in a globalising world. Through critical thinking and real-world application, students learn to p9.528 294.074ng w

constraints. Please note that non-Arts majors may also require permission from the relevant Faculty before a student can commence an academic plan including these majors.

The Bachelor of Arts at Springfield

A limited number of majors and minors are available on-campus at Springfield as indicated.

Minor Studies

Minor studies are designed to enable students to widen their knowledge and perspectives, or to complement their choice of major. Courses must be taken over at least two levels and should be in the same discipline or recognised multi-disciplinary area. Students may take one of the minors indicated in the [Minor studies](#) section of this Handbook. Students should take courses to the value of at least four units in the selected Minor study. Choice of a minor will depend on the availability of the subject area, timetabling constraints, quotas and other restrictions such as auditions and interviews in certain areas of the Arts, as well as approval by the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

Electives/Approved courses

Elective courses enable students to further increase their knowledge and widen their perspectives. Choice of an elective will depend on the availability of the course(s), timetabling constraints, quotas, and other restrictions such as auditions and interviews in certain areas of the Arts, as well as approval by the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. Other courses from the Bachelor of Arts. Students may t

Some Level 2 and Level 3 courses are offered in alternate years (see below) and can therefore be taken in either your second or third year of enrolment; howe

§ Studied cross-institutionally through [University of New England](#).

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